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Department of Justice:

Microsoft has contributed billions and billions of tax revenues to the United States Treasury, much of it earned in foreign countries. Further, its contribution to the economy of this country is without precedent.

Millions of American rely upon its software for their daily work, and play. Microsoft, although it has been declared a monopoly by the courts, has not abused its monopoly. Who could calculate any damages that it might owe (to whom?) as to what its software should have cost if it were not a monopoly? The only true competition is Linux software, that will not run the various applications that Windows will run. I work for a federal agency, and its work and efficiency without Microsoft software. In short, it would grind to a halt without their current software, and further development of same. Polls show that the majority of American people support Microsoft in this litigation.

Please do not abuse your job to see that justice is done for the benefit of all Americans, not just to competitors who wish to have the same sales and earnings that Microsoft has--to be another Microsoft.

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